

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Utility Patent Application of

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Docket No. MJM-50X
Filed Concurrently
For SNOW STOP

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231:

Please amend the specification of the present application by REPLACING the paragraph bridging pages 1 & 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

-- Various snow guards are known. See, e.g., Clark, US D30788; Zaleski, US D254051; Cline et al., US D351989; Cline, US D364338; Lee et al., US D364556; Cline, US D372421; Cline, US D418403; Mullane, US D419863; Zaleski, US 3296750; Cline et al., US 5282340; Zaleski, US 5343659; Kwiatkowski et al., US 5371979; Smeja et al., US 5471799; Cline, US 5522185; Kwiatkowski et al., US 5570557; Kwiatkowski, US 5655334; Lee, US 5664374; and Smeja et al., US 5901507. See also, Berger Building Products Corp., "Your One Stop Snow Guard Shop," electronic catalog, 1997; M.J. Mullane Co., "Cast Snow & Ice Guards," brochure, and "Snow Guards," brochure (comparing, www.bronzeguard.com); and Snowjax, Inc., Metal Construction News, Jan. 1993 ad: "A Space Age Snowguard for Metal Roof Surfaces." Note, Metal Architecture, August 2001, page 62, ad: "SNOWBLOX." Among snow guards, moreover, some are fastened to the roof by adhesives, and some of these are made of plastic. A problem with adhesive-attachment of snow guards to roofs is lack of strength, which can result in failure of the guard to adhere to the roof, especially under a load of snow or ice.

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REMARKS

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The present amendment more clearly and fully describes background art. No new matter is entered. The changes are on page 1, line 22, after "et al.," by addition of "US"; and on page 2, line 2, by adding the sentence, "Note, Metal Architecture, August 2001, page 62, ad: 'SNOWBLOX.'" By way of a MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE, the following is offered (changes in bold-face type):

"Various snow guards are known. See, e.g., Clark, US D30788; Zaleski, US D254051; Cline et al., US D351989; Cline, US D364338; Lee et al., US D364556; Cline, US D372421; Cline, US D418403; Mullane, US D419863; Zaleski, US 3296750; Cline et al., US 5282340; Zaleski, US 5343659; Kwiatkowski et al., US 5371979; Smeja et al., US 5471799; Cline, US 5522185; Kwiatkowski et al., US 5570557; Kwiatkowski, US 5655334; Lee, US 5664374; and Smeja et al., US 5901507. See also, Berger Building Products Corp., "Your One Stop Snow Guard Shop," electronic catalog, 1997; M.J. Mullane Co., "Cast Snow & Ice Guards," brochure, and "Snow Guards," brochure (comparing, www.bronzeguard.com); and Snowjax, Inc., Metal Construction News, Jan. 1993 ad: "A Space Age Snowguard for Metal Roof Surfaces." Note, Metal Architecture, August 2001, page 62, ad: "SNOWBLOX." Among snow guards, moreover, some are fastened to the roof by adhesives, and some of these are made of plastic. A problem with adhesive-attachment of snow guards to roofs is lack of strength, which can result in failure of the guard to adhere to the roof, especially under a load of snow or ice."

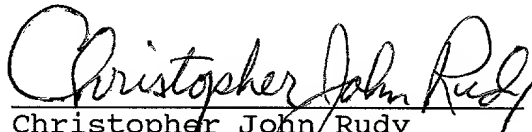
A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully,

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